

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 182094

66

ORIGIN NEA-16

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AEC-11 AID-20 CEA-02 CIAE-00 CIEP-03

COME-00 DODE-00 EB-11 FPC-01 H-03 INR-11 INT-08 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-07 OMB-01 PM-07 RSC-01 SAM-01 SCI-06

SP-03 SS-20 STR-08 TRSE-00 FRB-03 FEA-02 /149 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/ARP:FMDICKMAN:CEJ

APPROVED BY NEA: SIDNEY SOBER

INTERIOR - MR. STROBEL

SCI - MR. RICHMOND

AEC - MR. FRIEDMAN (SUBS)

SCI - MR. CONGDON

SCI - DR. WEBBER (SUBS)

----- 121677

R 200048Z AUG 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

S E C R E T STATE 182094

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: TECH, PFOR, KU, US

SUBJECT:KUWAITI INTEREST IN ATOMIC ENERGY AND CONVERSION
OF SEAWATER

REFS: (A) KUWAIT 3297 (B) STATE 157699 (C) KUWAIT 3331

1. AT THE PRESENT TIME, WE DO NOT SEE HOW US INTERESTS
WOULD BE ENHANCED BY STIMULATING ANY DISCUSSION WITH THE
KUWAITIS ON US/KUWAITI COOPERATION IN FIELD OF NUCLEAR
ENERGY. WHILE KUWAIT'S INTEREST IN FUTURE OF NUCLEAR
ENERGY IS UNDERSTANDABLE, SO IT IS FOR VIRTUALLY EVERY
NATION IN THE WORLD - PARTICULARLY ENERGY SHORT ONES.
AS SEEMS CLEAR FROM REF (C), KUWAITI INTEREST IN NUCLEAR
POWER IS MOTIVATED TO SOME EXTENT BY ITS POLICY TO HOLD
DOWN PETROLEUM PRODUCTION AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND STRETCH
ITS OIL RESERVES AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN THE FUTURE. AT

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 182094

PRESENT STAGE, AS EMBASSY HAS CORRECTLY POINTED OUT IN

REF (C), WE SHOULD BE PROMOTING NEW HYDROCARBON INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES TO DISCOURAGE KUWAITI EFFORTS TO LOWER OIL PRODUCTION LEVELS RATHER THAN FACILITATE KUWAITI ACCESS TO ALTERNATE SOURCES OF ENERGY.

2. AS DEPARTMENT INDICATED PREVIOUSLY TO EMBASSY IN CONNECTION WITH TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT (REF B), WE BELIEVE IT PREMATURE TO DISCUSS US-KUWAITI COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR FIELD. FURTHERMORE, THE AVAILABILITY OF NUCLEAR FUEL IS LIMITED AND PRIORITY HAS TO GO TO COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ENERGY SHORT OR WHOSE ECONOMIES CAN ABSORB LARGE QUANTITIES OF POWER. OUR EXPERIENCE WITH CONGRESS RECENTLY OVER INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN MIDDLE EAST HAS CLEARLY SHOWN THAT JUSTIFYING COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR FIELD REGION IS VERY DIFFICULT AND GAINING SUPPORT WILL BE A SLOW AND DELICATE PROCESS.

3. THEREFORE, SUGGEST EMBASSY AVOID DISCUSSION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY WITH SHAIKH JABIR AND OTHER KUWAITI OFFICIALS. IF THEY PRESS SUBJECT, YOU SHOULD FOLLOW GUIDANCE PARA 2 OF REF (B).

4. ON OTHER HAND, BELIEVE WE COULD USEFULLY UNDERTAKE GENERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH KUWAIT ON SEAWATER CONVERSION. DEPT OF INTERIOR'S OFFICE OF WATER RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY WOULD BE WILLING TO SEND A KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL TO KUWAIT TO REVIEW EXISTING DESALTING TECHNOLOGY, HELP ESTABLISH INFORMATION RESEARCH PROCEDURES, AND OFFER SUGGESTIONS AS TO CHOICES GOK WOULD HAVE FOR SEAWATER CONVERSION BASED ON NEW DESALTING TECHNOLOGY ON UNDERSTANDING THAT TRAVEL AND PER DIEM COSTS WOULD BE MET BY GOK. KISSINGER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: WATER, ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, DESALINATION, ELECTRIC POWER, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION, NUCLEAR REACTORS, NUCLEAR FUELS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 20 AUG 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: boyleja
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974STATE182094
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: FMDICKMAN:CEJ
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740228-0899
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740833/aaaabbvk.tel
Line Count: 93
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN NEA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: (A) KUWAIT 3297 (B) STATE 157699 (C)
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: boyleja
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21 AUG 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <21 AUG 2002 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <26 FEB 2003 by boyleja>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: UWAITI INTEREST IN ATOMIC ENERGY AND CONVERSION OF SEAWATER
TAGS: TECH, PFOR, KU, US
To: KUWAIT
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005